asideration alike of those who pose and of those who favor the a of the income tax. It is ceran improvement on the reckand mistaken proposition to k the Supreme Court so that as hereafter constituted" it may verse a decision which the counhas adopted.

## The Lodge, McCall Bill

enounced by all German assoations, religious and otherwise, d every one of the 500 German, candinavian, Irish and other pers. But the bill will pass, if do not succeed in convincing on my own account. Democratic Senators and Repsentatives that they can secure immense amount of political pital, it they will oppose the bill d let the Republicans assume e responsibility for that nonsenal Yankee Know-Nothing asure.

If our German American papers Il support us and make us their forney we think it can be done

## Is Right!

Our brave friend Louis Schade, of the WASHINGTON SENTINEL, goes strong after those Democrats who will vote fo restriction of immigration. He says that by that great blunder they will destroy an immense amount of campaign capital against the Republicans nearly wipe out the line of demarca n between Democrats and Republ s, so that the voters will be unable to d the difference between them. schade is right!-(Cincmnati Volks eund, Dem.)

The Cincinnati Volkstreund is ne most influential German Demtratic daily in Ohio. It did not rsake the party last fall, but gave vigorous support to the Bryan cket, It is always reliably Demcratic and censures every undemcratic move and policy which ould defeat the party. Its princialaim is to make Ohio Democraeat the next election, and with the ENTINEL it believes that that will rely be the case, if the Demots in Congress are Democratic bugh to oppose the Lodge bill 1 other Know-Nothing meas-

## Purge the Rolls,

Politicians and Congressmen will do well to think on this and trim their sails accordingly

On no account must the assault | punishment of the g of public opinion be diverted from that the Grand Arm the main issue. That issue may be restated thus:

First-In 1871 the pensions appropriation reached its legitimate high water mark-\$33.077,383.63. Second-From that point it declined at the rate of about \$1,000,ooo a year until it reached in 1878 \$26,844,415.18.

Third-At the rate of decline established in those seven years of falling off, the pension appropriation would be about \$7,000,000.

Fourth-Instead of seven mills it is now more than twenty hes seven millions, and still go-

Fitth-One in every seventy of r population is a pensioner; one cally in every fourteen draws a

Sixth-Scores of millions of dolrs which the American people in the sweat of their faces are Ty distributed as alms to sturdy gars who have no claim whater upon the bounty, the grati de or the respect of the country.

## The Value of a Wheat Deal.

The farmers of the West are now position to understand how roughly without foundation has en their theory that the Chicago ard of Trade was operated to detriment. Mr. L. Z. Leiter, er of the young man who eneered the spectacular wheat eal, points out that the chief adantage resulting therefrom is to ne man who raises wheat. He ys, and with some truth, that his y Joe has changed the place at hich the price of wheat is. ed from London to Chicago, d further he says, perhaps not ite so truly, that the great profit sulting from his son's specula-

on will accrue to the farmer. Perhaps the farmer wont recogze the profit as thoroughly as the eculator. It is not wholly imssible that much of the wheat nich young Mr. Leiter has ught has come out of elevators stores where it had been sent by

er at a price falling very that which the benevs now willing to pay. er fails to find proer," the man who form of flour or o find loss. The ne adds to the andling the

culation.

sumers of wheat or bread. The people look on the contest between Armour and Leiter with interest, it is true, but it is the interest they would show in watching a contest of torces the winner in which would exert his new won power for the spoliation of all who were left on

Commander-in-Chief Gobin Speaks for 340,000 Veterans of War,

"Whether this is fraud or not I do not know. Statements and figures to which my attention has been drawn seem to be stamped with truth, yet they are so startling as to be almost incredible. I cannot accept the statement that there are 40,745 more "survivors" and "widows" drawing pensions than there are actual survivors; and widows of the war. This indicates a state of affairs beyond belief. Still I cannot combat the assertion. I have been so impressed with what appears to be an array of proof that I have begun a thorough and searching investigation

"I purpose finding out the actual condition of affairs, not for my own satisfaction, but for the benefit of the organization. If my investigation shows that there is anything like the 'padding' in the pension roll that is claimed, I shall lay the matter before the Execu tive Committee, and the organiza. tion will take emphatic action.

"If there is a single person on the pension roll whose name does not belong there the Grand Army of the Republic wants it stricken off. As an organization it can stand up and say: 'Cut off every person who is drawing a pension without deserving it.' I am sure that if the rolls are purged of the fraud said to be on them, the Grand Army will not suffer in the least.

"The number of survivors should be far fewer now than at the close of the war. The veterans are dying fast. And then the great number of men who passed through the war and have never applied for pensions should be considered. For instance, I have never applied for a pension, nor have any of the members of my staff, although nearly all of them are entitled to be placed on the rolls. I am very certain that more than 10 per cent. of the members of the Grand Army have never applied for pensions. "I am sure that the publication

of the pension rolls would meet with no opposition on the part of born in the lower quarter of New York, the Grand Army, should show that th the publication wil if it will result in t the unworthy and their names from to cate the publication.

An Option to Trade On The news from the Far East continues, says the Financial Record, to be of especial interest. It effects foreign markets and causes much apprehension, in European countries, of complications which may lead to war. It appears not only that Russia has Port Arthur by possession as well as by treaty with China, but that she has the other ports which England and Japan are talking of occupying and also the territory taken possession of by Germany, and which the Armada sent out by the German Kaiser is designed to take into permanent possession. When Germany made this move the tone of the Russian press was very hostile and hot talk was abundant. This has since then changed. The Russian press is now talking of an alliance with

The explanation of the situation does not seem to be very difficult. Enough has already developed to show that Russia, in China's one hour of supreme need, coming to her relief as against Japan, took, in consideration, a general blanket option on pretty much any territory she wanted on the Chinese coast. All this by a secret treaty, portions of which are disclosed as the necessity arises. In other words, Russia took an option to trade on. So far as Germany is concerned, Russia will doubtless agree to let Germany in, It will also develop that Russia has an option on a little land that France may desire-and France will get it on call. There may be a little for Italy. In fact, some for all who can be useful to Russia, or who might combine with Great Britain and Japan, or either of them.

On the other hand, Great Britain has for an ally in the Orient the Kingdom of Japan. Japan has a

great naval force in Eastern waters. The trouble with Japan, however, is that she may prove a very troublesome and dangerous ally, because not tractable nor subject to control by any power save her own impulses. Great Britain's present efforts are to pull this country into an alliance with herself

and Japan on Eastern questions. The situation in Asia is one of great danger, so far as Europe is concerned. So far as the United States is interested, its salest policy is its traditional policy-to lation. look on. However it goes, it will bring grist to our mill. So far as s arguit promises anything, in the near
future, it is that we will continue Leiter to have a good market for our suranta- plus products. That is our main on- consideration just now.





EDWARD J. HERONASTHEBOY A Boy Wanted.

Chas. E. Blaney's big extravaganza, A Boy Wanted," which will come to the Grand Opera House Monday night for one week, with usual matinees, is the strongest farce comedy on the road today, the company numbering forty people, half of whom are clever vaudeville performers, who introduce the'r specialties at different times during the comedy. The comedy stars engaged for this production are Misses Nellie O'Neil, of O'Neil and Sutherland, Francis Hartley, Sisters Gehrue, Gilette Sisters, Emma Myers, Bertha Whitney, Bessie Van Dorn, Fay Richards, Messrs. Claude Gillinwater, Knox G. Wilson, Frank C. Young, and a host of others.

The first act illustrates the life of a country newspaper, showing the printing press in full operation, typesetters and he much abused printer's devil. A very funny incident occurs at the climax of this act. "No matter, no matter"or the heavy tragedian of the Barnstorm Sisters, who stranded in the town the night before-while in search of the critic who severely "roasted" him in the Evening Keg," becomes tangled up in one of the large presses and comes out through the rollers with the evening edition printed on his wearing apparel.

"A Boy Wanted" is also said to contain quite a number of other novelties, notably the dragon that is transformed into ten beautiful girls, who present a very unique up-to-date specialty on the Vassar Girl. Raymond Finlay, late of 'The Dazzler" Company, will present his new specialty, relating his experience while riding on a Broadway cable car; and Miss Nellie O'Neil will do her wonderful grotesque and acrobatic specialty, in which she stands unequaled. The famous dancers, Sisters Gehrue, are big feature of the perfomance. These clever girls were practically unknown a year ago, but since their successful appearance in the Casino productions their services have been most eagerly sought after by managers; they are now under contract with Mr. Blaney for a long engagement.

Deaman Thompson and George W. Rver's "The Sunshine of Paradise Alley," to be given at the Academy next week, is one of the enjoyable plays. The story is a pretty one-that of a sweet little angel of peace and benevolence, and by her mother given a good educa tion. She works for the benefit of the whole community about her, and by her sympathy and administrations of comfort wins the esteem of the toughest of the dwellers of the neighborhood, Her great forte is in advocacy of temperance principles, and eventually by dint of her persuasion she leads the majority of the heads of tamilies to give up drink, and the result is a change in the appearance of the alley and in the condition of its inhabitants that is marvelous. The piece is embellished by an abundance of pictorial effects and by some charming music; in fact, the musical features of the production are remarkably fine The Verdi Ladies' Quartette, who were selected from among the church choirs of New York and Brooklyn, contributes some of the most enjoyable part of the songs of both a classical and popular order. There is also a male quartet, H W Frillman, the well known basso, and Thomas E. Clifford, the favorite barytone. A company of 24 players adequately interpret the various char

That fine actor and amis ble gentleman, William H. Crane, comes to the National Theatre on Monday night when he will offer his latest comedy, "A Virginia Courtship." The play brings with it many strong recommendations and in all of the cities in which it has been given it has received the stamp of approval The story and scenes are laid in Virginia in the early part of the century and at a time when many of the roomy old mansions in the Old Dominion were built of materials imported from England. The principal character is Major Richard Fairfax, who desires that his son, Tom, shall marry Prue, the daughter of his handsome neighbor, Madame Constance Robert. The young people are in love and have secretly plighted their troth, The young fellow is on the point of conessing to his father his love for Prue when he is startled to hear the old gentleman say that he has picked out a wife for him. Never dreaming that he has selected Prue Tom demands to know the lady's name. This the father refuses to tell him and both the men who are hot headed and stubborn have a violent quarrel. The young people elope and upon their return the Major thinking that his son has married a servant girl orders him from the house, his temper refusing to allow him to learn the name of his daughter-in-law. There is a second and prettier love story between the Major and the widow which proceeds smoothly up to the point where the Major finding that he is bankrupt refuses to turn to marriage in order to tide him over his financial difficulties. In the end, however, all is made clear, the widow makes the Major propose to her on the field of honor and the old gentleman is made aware of the fact that his son married the very woman he had selected for him. The play is said to have a fine literary flavor and to be brightly written. The character of the fiery, arrogant Major is said to fit Mr. Crane like a glove and the company that will be seen in his support is said to be

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It was argued in favor of the continuance of the wine custom that the diplomatic circle would be offended it they were invited to functions where there was nothing to drink, and that inasmuch as the President himself had served wine at his own table, there was no reason why the leaders of the Administration should not do likewise.

So wine is to be used at all dinners and entertainments given by the members of the Cabinet, and the good things said of the President in this connection earlier in the administration will have to be

taken back or greatly qualified. Not since Mrs. Hayes presided in the White House has there been any attempt to abolish the use of wines and iquors at Administration dinners and social entertainments, and the absolute surrender of the present Administration to what is merely a society dictum is excused in this instance on the ground that doing otherwise might offend the diplomatic representatives of foreign

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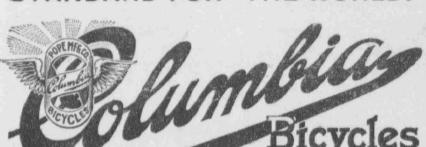
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